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TAGS: ETRD, RH, GW

SUBJECT: RHODESIAN CHROME

REF: (A) STATE 104079, (B) STATE 104080

1. ACCORDING TO AN ECONMIN OFFICIAL, OLLIG, THE FRG IS PREPARING TO IMPLEMENT RHODESIAN CHROME EMBARGO CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR THE INTERIM PERIOD TO JUNE 18 FOR GERMAN STEEL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. THE BUNDESAMT FUER GEWERBIIICHE WIRTSCHAFT (FEDERAL OFFICE FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY) WILL ISSUE THE CERTIFICATES WITH A TEXT AGREED UPON IN EC/US NEGOTIATIONS (THE BUNDESAMT IS DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THE ECONMIN FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL REGULATIONS OR PROCEDURES BEARING ON FRG FOREIGN TRADE.)

2. FOR THE LONGER TERM, HOWEVER, OLLIG NOTED SEVERAL PROBLEMS WHICH THE FRG PERCEIVES WITH THE CERTIFICATION SYSTEM PROPOSED BY THE U.S. TO TAKE EFFECT AFTER JUNE 18.

(A) THE EXTENDED LAG BETWEEN THE IMPORT OF CHROME AND THE EXPORT OF FINISHED MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS WILL PLAGUE ANY CERTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER JUNE 18. OLLIG STATED THAT SOME STEEL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED WITH NON-CERTIFIED CHROMIUM IMPORTED BEFORE THE PRESENT CONTROLS WERE ESTABLISHED, MAY ONLY BE READY FOR EXPORT IN LATE 1977 OR EARLY 1978. SOME EXEMPTIONS WOULD CLEARLY HAVE TO BE CONTINUED.

(B) OLLIG BELIEVES THAT A TIGHT EMBARGO WILL NEED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIET COOPERATION TO BE EFFECTIVE. GERMAN IMPORTERS CANNOT PROVE THAT THE SOVIETS IMPORT RHODESIAN CHROME, BUT THEY SUSPECT THIS IS THE CASE AND ARE NOT ALONE IN THEIR SUSPICIONS. THE SOVIETS APPARENTLY UTILIZE RHODESIAN CHROME FOR THEIR OWN DOMESTIC STEEL PRODUCTION, THUS RELEASING SOVIET CHROME FOR EXPORT. TESTS OF GERMAN IMPORTS OF SOVIET CHROME FOR RHODESIAN CONTENT HAVE ALWAYS HAD NEGATIVE RESULTS. OLLIG EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE U.S. MIGHT CONSIDER PUSHING FOR SOME MEASURES AGAINST ALL SOVIET CHROME EXPORTS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT A TIGHT EMBARGO. SOVIET CHROME EXPORTS MAKE UP SOME 40 PERCENT OF FRG CHROME IMPORTS.

(C) THE EXTENSION OF THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS TO ALL "CHROME BEARING MATERIALS" AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR CERTIFICATES FROM THIRD COUNTRIES WOULD, ACCORDING TO OLLIG, CONSTITUTE A NON-TARIFF BARRIER OF IMMENSE PROPORTIONS WITHOUT PROVIDING A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF

ADDED TIGHTNESS TO THE EMBARGO SYSTEM. THE FRG WOULD  
PUSH TO RESTRICT THE APPLICATION OF THE CERTIFICATE  
SYSTEM TO CHROME ORE AND FERROCHROME IMPORTS AS MUCH AS  
POSSIBLE.

3. OLLIG ALSO MENTIONED THAT GERMAN IMPORTERS  
HAD EXPRESSED TO HIM THEIR WILLINGNESS TO FOREGO  
IMPORTS OF SOUTH AFRICAN CHROME WHICH IS  
INDISTINGUISHABLE (ACCORDING TO GERMAN EXPERTS) FROM  
RHODESIAN CHROME. THIS RENUNCIATION WOULD APPLY ONLY  
TO THAT PART OF THE CHROME FROM THE BORDER-AREA LAVINO  
MINES RUN BY FERROMETAL, A SUBSIDIARY OF AMCO. THE  
CHROME TAKEN FROM THESE MINES BECOMES POORER IN QUALITY  
AS THE DISTANCE FROM THE RHODESIAN BORDER INCREASES.  
THUS THE CHROME WHICH IS CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE FROM  
RHODESIAN CHROME WOULD STILL BE PURCHASED.  
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